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11. Post provides the following response per reftel requests.

¶2. The Nigerian Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research (NIOMR) and the Nigerian Navy are the designated Nigerian government agencies for issuing approval for marine research in Nigerian waters. The NIOMR provided post with the following information and procedures for obtaining required GON approval for marine research.

a) Obtain the application form from: Captain G. Inusa Hydrographer, Nigerian Navy Hydrographic Office 5 Point Road Apapa, Lagos Tel: 01-5876325 or 01-5875715

b) Send the completed application form and accompanying documents to: Nigerian Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research (NIOMR) Attn: Executive Director/CEO Wilmot Point Road, Bar Beach Victoria Island

- $\P 3$. NIOMR will review the application, research proposal, and all accompanying documents. It will then send the application package to the Head Hydrographer of the Nigerian Navy, along with its recommen \$Q610cP Note)
- $\underline{\P}4$. NIOMR emphasized that Navy security personnel (supposedly for protection from piracy, etc...) and possibly Nigerian scientists might accompany the research team. In addition, the final report must be shared with the Nigerian government.

NIOMR contact info: Dr. E. A. Ajao Physical & Chemical Oceanography Division, NIOMR Tel: 07030258279 Email: eajao@niomr.gov.ng, gboyegaajao@yahoo.com

15. This cable is coordinated with Consulate Lagos.

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